



# CITY CHATTER

*The Chatter that Matters*

January 2017

City Hall  
106 Dorman St.  
398-3530

Police Department  
10 Mechanic St.  
398-4493

Harrington Public Library  
110 Center St.  
398-4647

Parks & Recreation  
114 E. Liberty St.  
398-7975

Public Works After Hours On-Call Phone Number 632-8827

City's Website <http://harrington.delaware.gov>

## Message from the Mayor

On Saturday, December 12, the Harrington Christmas Club held their annual Christmas party, a sold out event. The purpose of this party is to thank the employees of the City for all they do for us. The Police Department, under the guidance of Chief Norman Barlow, for protecting us and our properties, always being there when needed, and for all they do for the local communities. Public Works, Alan Moore and his crew, for keeping our water safe and flowing as well as maintaining every other aspect of our City. Both of these departments are there for us 24/7 and put in countless hours in the worst of weather to keep our lives comfortable. Harrington Parks and Rec and the Harrington Library for the countless hours and devotion to the children and citizens of not only the residents but the thousands in the surrounding area. Their work is a love of servitude and is usually overlooked due to the quiet nature in which they perform their magic. City Hall, led by Terry Tieman, over the past three years has put into play many ordinances and policy changes that have put this City on firm ground to a bright future. City Council which in the past year has seen three new Councilmen come on board while saying farewell to three others. To all the committee members that give solely out of generosity of the heart, these are all volunteers that spend many hours of their time. Without their dedication and selflessness, it would be near impossible to run this City.

The second reason for this event, is to give back to the local community by raising enough money to hold the party without tax payer dollars and donate the extra funds. This year we have raised over \$4,000 to give to the Harrington Food Pantry in partnership with local churches in the Lake Forrest School District.

The Harrington Christmas Club consists of Vice Mayor Bivans, Council Member Minner, Council Member Marquis, Kim Marquis, Planning Commissioner Coudriet, Tracy Coudriet, Barbara Bullock, and Marie Cunningham. This group works many hours to pull this event together. They look for no recognition but deserve a great deal of it, and I am proud to call each of these people my friend. This event would not be possible without local business support of whom I have called on year after year. My thanks to Nationwide, Salty Wave, Hometown Drugs, Agro-Lab, Burris Food, Mobile Air, Chicks, Cook's Tire, and many more of the local businesses. Without Bill DiMondi and Patti Key and her crew this party may not have happened. With all my heart, I thank everyone for all they have done.

I would also like to thank the people of the City of Harrington for allowing me the privilege of serving you. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- Mayor Anthony R. Moyer

## Snow Reminders

Winter weather is on the way. Keep in mind the following snow related issues:

- ❄ Snow & ice must be removed from sidewalks along your property within 24 hours of snowfall ending. Don't throw snow onto streets.
- ❄ If possible, don't park cars on the street during snowfall to allow the plows to clear the streets.

## Winter Reminders

- 💧 Know where the master shut-off valve is located in your house, or have one installed, to save water & prevent water damage in case of frozen/leaking pipes.
- 💧 Remove hoses from outside spigots to prevent freezing.
- 💧 Water is metered, so there will be a charge for water left running to prevent frozen pipes.

## Recycling Guidelines

Delaware's Universal Recycling Law requires waste haulers to provide recycling services to residents. A cart with a green lid is provided to Harrington residents for all recyclables to be placed in for collection. Recycling helps our environment by reducing the amount of new materials being made and saving space in our landfills.

When recyclable loads are contaminated with trash, the hauler is fined and the whole truck load is dumped in the landfill. Please be sure to place only recyclables in the recycling cart (green lid). Flyers of what can be recycled are available in City Hall and on the City's website. If you are not sure if something can be recycled, please place it in the trash so that the recyclables are not contaminated.

The Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) provides special collection events for household hazardous waste, electronics recycling, and paper shredding. Plastic bags can be returned to the store for recycling, and yard waste can be dropped off at the Public Works Yard (see article on back page).

More information on recycling is available at [www.recycling.delaware.gov](http://www.recycling.delaware.gov) and [www.dswa.com](http://www.dswa.com) (800-404-7080) or call Republic Services with any questions at 800-762-8888.



## Library Events

Visit our website and Facebook page or call for info

### **Regular Programs:**

- Storytime – Every Wednesday, 10:45 am
- Computer Help Lab – Mondays, 12 pm, sign-up at front desk
- Family Fun Night/Reading to the Dogs – Second Thursday of the month (January 12, February 9, March 9), 6 pm – Free children’s craft and improve children’s reading skills by reading to volunteer dogs
- Book Club – Third Thursday of the month (January 19, February 16, March 16), 6 pm – Also recent reads



### **Special Programs and Events:**

- Teen Meeting – Thursday, January 5, 6 pm – All teens welcome, free food will be served
- Reading Buddies Program – Tuesdays in January, 6:30 pm – Children in grades 1-4 can meet weekly with a teen volunteer to practice reading skills
- Valentine’s Day Bears – Tuesday, February 14, 6 pm – Children can stuff and deck out a bear, snacks will be served, sign up in advance
- Teen Meeting – Thursday, March 2, 6 pm – All teens welcome, free food will be served
- Friends of the Harrington Public Library Meeting – Tuesday, March 7, 6 pm – Volunteers that believe a library is a valuable community asset and that promote and enhance library programs, services, and facilities, new members welcome
- Leprechaun Trap Night – Tuesday, March 14, 6 pm – Children can craft a leprechaun trap and hear “The Night Before St. Patrick’s Day,” sign up in advance



## Parks & Recreation Events

More info at [hprnews.com](http://hprnews.com)  
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- Youth Indoor Field Hockey Registration through January; instructional program for grades K-5 at rec center; classes in March; \$75 w/equipment or \$50 registration only
- Spring Soccer Registration January 3 to February 28; tot (age 2-3) through U12; registration forms available in the office and online; \$65 for first player in family, \$55 for second, \$45 each additional, \$40 for tots
- Cheerleading Registration January 3 to March 31 or classes fill; space limited to 30 registered participants per class; for children 6-15 years old; focus is on the instruction of different types of jumps and tumbles as well as safety and motions of cheer and dance and techniques with stunting, basing, and flying; \$75
- Basic Tumbling & Gymnastics Registration January 3 to March 31 or classes fill; space limited to 30 registered participants; for children 4-9 years old; classes April to June at HPR; teaches proper techniques for tumbling, jumps, and motions; \$60



## Yard Waste Recycling (including Christmas Trees)



All yard waste (leaves, branches, etc.) and live Christmas trees can be dropped off to the Public Works Yard (102 Franklin Street) on Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm. Please remove all decorations from trees. Yard waste cannot be placed in cans with household trash.

Sign up on the City’s website or call City Hall to register for CodeRed and receive important information from the City via automated phone call, e-mail, or text message.



### **Rental Licenses**

It is time to renew licenses for rental properties. An inspection must be performed by the Code Enforcement Officer before a license can be issued. Call City Hall for info.

**Senior/Disabled Citizen Partial Tax Relief applications are available in City Hall and due by May 31, 2017. This form must be completed every year to be eligible for the discount.**

Wishing you a healthy and prosperous 2017!

### **City Council Meetings & Workshops**

January 17	7:00 pm	Meeting
February 6	6:30 pm	Workshop
February 21	7:00 pm	Meeting
March 6	6:30 pm	Workshop
March 20	7:00 pm	Meeting

### CivicWeb Agenda Management System

The City of Harrington has implemented a new agenda management system. All agendas and accompanying documentation are available through the CivicWeb portal and can be viewed electronically (even by the Mayor and Council during meetings). The new system streamlines the agenda process and is more user friendly.



To access the portal, click on the CivicWeb Meeting Portal button on the City’s webpage (pictured above) or go directly to <https://cityofharrington.civicweb.net>.

Anyone interested in receiving notifications when agendas are posted or updated can sign up for E-UPDATES through the portal.

### Who’s Who in the City?

Anthony R. Moyer, Mayor

#### City Council:

- Duane E. Bivans (Vice Mayor), District 6
- Robert Dean Helsel, District 1
- Amy Minner, District 2
- Micah Parker, District 3
- Eric Marquis, District 4
- Charles W. Baugher, Jr., District 5

- Teresa Tieman, City Manager
- Norman Barlow, Chief of Police
- Alan Moore, PW Supervisor
- Christine Hayward, Library Director
- Bill Falasco, Parks & Rec Director

### **City of Harrington Closings**

January 2	New Year’s Day
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 20	Presidents’ Day
April 14	Good Friday

Seeking Heritage Day volunteers. Call HPR at 398-7975.



**Utility Bills Due February 10**